

DEMAND OPENING GAME BE PLAYED ON HOME GROUND

Rock Island Baseball Club to Insist That Three-Eye Season Laid Be Fied Off in This City.

LISTER HIRES GROUND KEEPER

"Bob" Shaw, Who Filled Job in Balmey Days, Will Again Worry Over Diamond—Starts Soon.

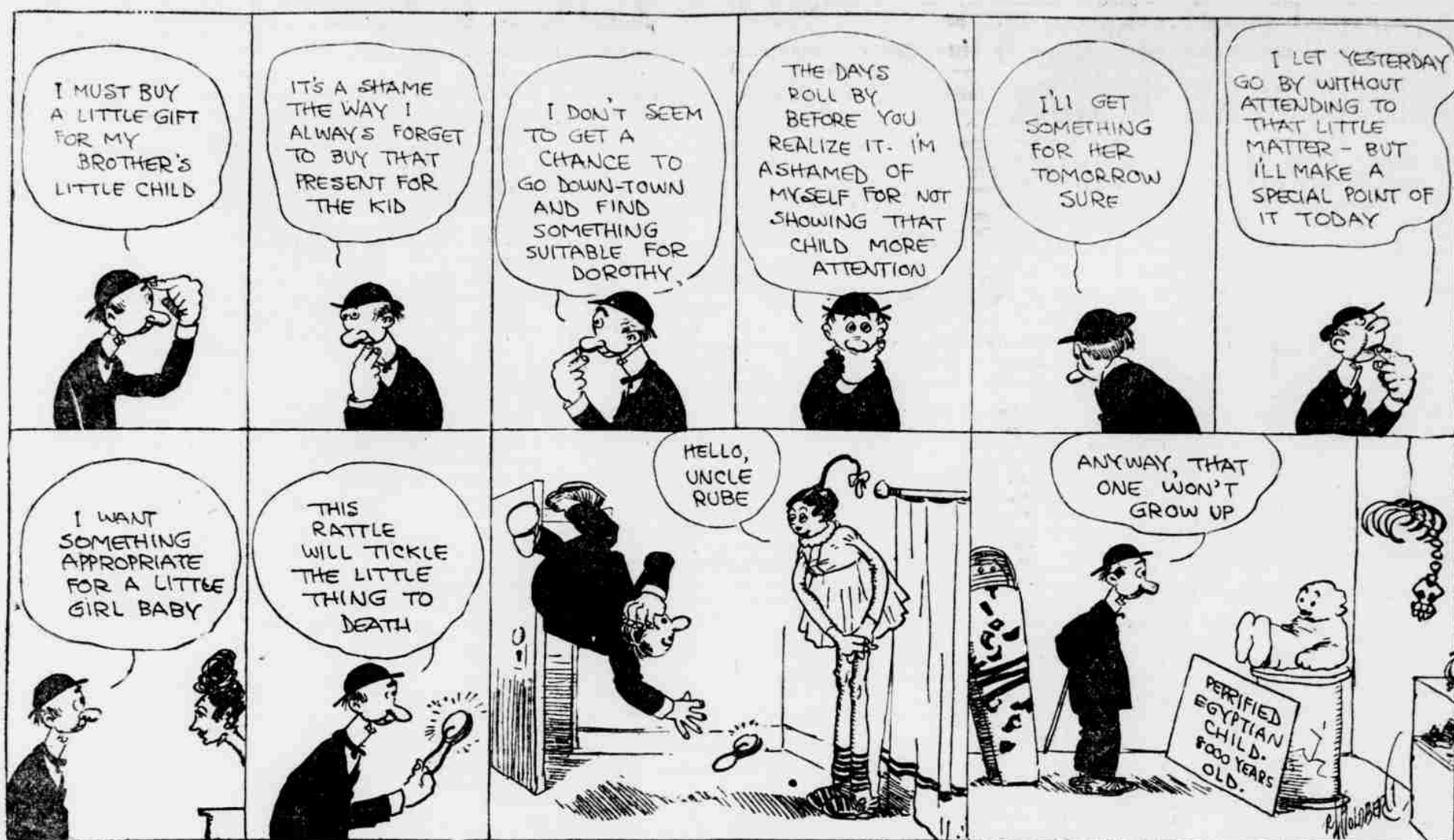
Frank Landers of Rockford has already submitted a schedule for the 1916 season of the Three-Eye league to President Tarnsey. It is to be acted upon at the mid-winter meeting of the circuit in Moline, Thursday. Landers is no doubt the veteran drafter he is claimed to be, and has in years gone by arranged many schedules for the Three-Eye league. But Mr. Landers overlooked one item. His plan is to open the season April 25, starting Rock Island on the road, while Moline and Davenport will stage their first tiffs on the home lot.

This does not meet with the approval of the members of the local Three-Eye baseball association or with the fans. "After being out of professional baseball for five years it is only proper that Rock Island should open at home to start things off in proper shape," said Manager Pete Lister today, and many of the local fans are of the same opinion. Davenport and Moline, who have been enjoying professional baseball while Rock Island has had to be content to look on, and the local bugs should celebrate their return to the fold in a fitting manner. This could not be done without the opening game on the home lot is the consensus of opinion. The local promoters intend to stand pat on this issue, and if the moguls plan to start the Islanders off on the road they will meet with opposition from the local club. Landers' schedule may be O. K. in every other respect, and the opening dates could easily be rearranged to give Rock Island the initial games on the home lot.

Secure Groundkeeper.

"Bob" Shaw, veteran groundkeeper, was yesterday secured by Manager Pete Lister to watch over the Island City park for the coming season. Shaw served as groundkeeper in 1908, 1909 and 1910 in a manner entirely satisfactory to the old association, and he is well fitted to assume the duties as caretaker for the new association. He will start to work on the grounds as soon as the weather permits. The outfield is in good shape now as it was five years ago, but the infield will have to be reconstructed. Trodden by amateur baseball players during the past five years, the tow paths on the

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infield are worn to a level below that of the diamond and several loads of dirt will have to be placed and packed. Under the new rules the pitcher's box will also have to be reconstructed. The old pitcher's box in the shape of a mound will be a thing of the past this year. Now the ground must slope gradually from the height of the pitcher's box to the home plate. The grandstand is in fair shape, but the bleachers will have to be entirely overhauled. The fences will also be repaired and the club house put in shape for the new tenants. It is the intention of Commissioner Murrin to remove the old water tank near the club house, as the club will have no further use for it, now that city water can be piped to the club house. In the past Rock Island had the honor of possessing the finest park in the circuit and "Bob" Shaw stated that he intends to leave nothing undone to retain this distinction.

Bids on Concessions.

The local association is now advertising for bids for the concessions and advertising rights. The bids will be opened Friday night at a meeting to be held following the league session in Moline. With signs in the outfield,

and the fences, stands and bleachers put in shape, Island City park will assume a more pleasing complexion.

Fred Donovan III.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Fred Donovan, for many years a professional baseball player in the major leagues and in the Three Eye league, is near death at a hospital here.

ALLIGATOR RACING IS THE NEWEST FAD

Chicago, March 7.—Chicago sportsmen have a new variety of contest to arouse their interest—alligator racing. The sport was introduced in the parlors of a local hotel by Dr. E. B. Lewis of Dubuque, Iowa, who has just returned from a Florida hunting trip. Two baby alligators were placed on velvet carpets in the presence of half a hundred guests, some of whom made wagers on the result of a 50-foot race.

Iowa Man Signs With Rockford.

Iowa City, Iowa, March 7.—George E. Snyder, junior law student and for three years outfield man for the Iowa baseball team, has signed with the Rockford, Ill., Three Eye league for the summer.

MUZZLE BURTNER AT LEAGUE MEET

Central Association Magnates Back Up Justice as Fort Dodge is Admitted to Circuit.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 7.—The expected friction between President M. E. Justice of the Central association and President J. D. Burtner of Waterloo did not materialize in the meeting of the league heads here yesterday afternoon.

Trouble was indicated in the opening moments of the session when Waterloo voted against accepting the minutes of the last meeting and again, when officials of the same club urged that Keokuk forfeit the \$600 guarantee posted as assurance that the Gate City club would enter and finish the 1916 pennant race.

As other directors declared they would stand back of Keokuk the issue did not come to a vote and the money will be returned to Keokuk backers. Fort Dodge was admitted to the league in place of Keokuk. Paul Turgeon, first baseman, has been appointed manager and already is laying plans for a team.

Upon the suggestion of Burtner of Waterloo a public accountant will be engaged to audit the league's books. A vote of thanks was tendered President M. E. Justice for the manner in which he handled the Rock Island controversy.

With harmony in the ranks the league looks forward to one of its most successful seasons. Since the territorial question has been decided the schedule makers will start their labors at once.

IOWA RACING DATES FIXED BY DIRECTORS

Des Moines, March 7.—The directors of the Cedar Valley Racing circuit fixed the schedule of racing dates and took under advisement applications from three other towns. The season will open at West Liberty June 6, 7 and 8. Dates at Waverly are June 13, 14 and 15. The Cedar Falls races will be held July 4, 5 and 6. Marshalltown, the other town now in the circuit, will have dates between Waverly and Cedar Falls.

Newton, Tipton and Nashua are seeking admission. Andy O'Loughlin of Des Moines was elected president.

MORAN'S CONDITION PLEASES MR. WENCK

New York, March 7.—Fred Wenck chairman of the state boxing commission, went up to Dal Hawkins' roadhouse yesterday to see Frank Moran go through his training, and came back bubbling over with enthusiasm over Moran's condition. Wenck spoke merely as a fight fan and not as a state official when he made the following remarks:

"Moran looks to me like a million dollars. To tell the truth, he looks great, and is fit right now to put up a great battle. I am stringing along with Moran after I saw him. They tell me that when Willard is hurt in a bout he gets mad and dangerous. Well, he will have to get mad and dangerous to battle with Moran."

Joe Willard worked a little harder than usual yesterday. To aid Willard the temperature of the hall was higher than usual, and the Kansas perspired more than at any previous workout.

Stecher to Appear in Chi.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Joe Stecher will next appear in Chicago at the athletic and theatrical entertainment given under the auspices of the membership committee of Chicago lodge No. 4, B. P. O. Elks, at the Coliseum, Tuesday, May 2. In addition to Stecher, Charlie White and Joe Welling and all the best athletic talent in the country will appear.

FABER PRODUCT OF QUIET IOWA TOWN



Urban Red Faber.

No one out there treats him as if he were great, and during the long siege of baseball from April to October, when he is before the eyes of the public in the battle for a baseball pennant, he often turns his mind to the old home. The bright lights of Broadway haven't as great an attraction for him as the fishing or swimming holes in the little old winding stream which tumbles over the rocky falls at Cascade.

Perhaps it was his early associations with winding streams, fishing ponds, rabbit hunting, red brick school houses, nutting parties, and swimming holes which gave Red the right kind of mind and body to gain fame on the ball field.

Chicago, March 7.—If one should take time to run out to Cascade, Iowa, one would understand why Urban Red Faber, famous pitcher of the White Sox, is so modest, quiet and unassuming. He was raised in an atmosphere which breeds those admirable qualities. Until Red demonstrated that it was possible for a fellow from that quiet and peaceful valley to attract the eyes of the world, every one of Cascade's 1,500 citizens was content to live and die in comparative seclusion. The most turbulent thing in their midst was the little waterfall of the Maquoketa river, which gave the town its name years and years ago, long before Red's grandfather came over from Luxemburg and took land in that vicinity with other thrifty Germans.

Since Red has presented Cascade to the world, the town has taken on new life. Its citizens today are proud to remind strangers that it is the home of the famous baseball pitcher, but Red walks along Main street in his modest and meek manner just the same, and addresses all the boys just as he did before baseball made him great.

There still are some of the old-fashioned friends of the Fabers, men who knew Red's father and his grandfather, who do not realize that the boy has gained fame. It was after Red's first year with the White Sox, in which he had shown such remarkable prowess that his name was known to thousands of fans in all the big cities of the country, that he met one of these old-fashioned friends on the street in Cascade. The old fellow peered up into the face of the tall youth, noticed his smart clothes, and then said: "Well, well, Red, my boy, where have you been all summer?"

Indications are that when Red's baseball days are over he will settle down once more among the good old-fashioned people of his native town. At least he prefers at the present time to live there instead of in a Chicago

WELSH OUTPOINTS WOLGAST IN BOUT

Honors are Even in First Round, But After That Ad Never Had a Chance With the Champ.

Milwaukee, March 7.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, outpointed Ad Wolgast in a 10-round bout here last night. The first round was even, and after that Ad never had a chance.

In spite of the many set-backs he has suffered recently, old man Ad Wolgast still is a card. He packed some 5,000 fans in Dreamland rink last night—a fact so unexpected that Promoter Frank Mulhern had to "holer" for smelling salts.

Two long lines of bugs were stretched before the building as late as 9 o'clock. The purchasers of tickets formed one procession, and had to join the second one as soon as the dust had been obtained. It was the largest crowd Dreamland has entertained in many moons, and following the big turnout at Kenosha last Thursday night the boosters of the game see a revival coming in Wisconsin. It was welcome news, for the game was going to seed here.

A very small percentage of the gang came because there was a champion of the world on exhibition. Welsh's stock has been declining steadily in this town. He became so dubious an attraction that promoters had ceased to dicker with him until Wolgast came along and put up the guarantee. But Wolgast is still a hot favorite among many who followed his fortunes in the days when he was good, and they turned out to give the old man a rousing reception. Chicago contributed liberally to the gathering.

flat or hotel. Nick Faber, Red's father, owns the hotel of the home town, and Red's brother has the billiard hall. In the winter months Red makes himself useful to both, helping entertain the traveling men at the hotel and attending to the cigar counter in the evening at the billiard room.

EXPECT BIG COUNTS IN PIN MEET TODAY

Toledo, Ohio, March 7.—Big scoring is expected to get its real start in the American Bowling congress tournament today, another small band of individuals and doubles being billed to roll this afternoon with two fast squads of local teams scheduled to appear at night. Roger Bresnahan, the new boss of the Toledo ball club, will make his maiden appearance as a tournament bowler with the Old Sod club on the early shift tonight.

The leaders in the various events are: Five man teams: Overland Front Axles, Toledo, 2574.

Two man event: Broderick-Mollenkopf, Cincinnati, 1152.

Individual event: W. Heenan, Jackson, Mich., 639.

Richie Mitchell is Ambitious. Milwaukee, March 7.—Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, yesterday posted \$2,500 for a meeting with Champion Welsh at the lightweight limit for a match at any distance, time or place for the lightweight championship of the world.

Ski Jumper Operated On Again.

Madison, Wis., March 7.—Alex Hendrickson of Chicago, the daring ski jumper, who has thrilled thousands by his feats, has been compelled to submit to a second operation. About two weeks ago one of his legs was amputated at the knee. Yesterday another section of his limb was cut off in what is known as a thigh operation. The patient is resting easy, according to the latest reports from St. Mary's hospital.

Illini Defeat Ohio Tossers.

Columbus, Ohio, March 7.—Ohio State was defeated by Illinois, 28 to 22, in a western conference basketball game here last night.

BRUINS ARRIVE IN TAMPA FOR FIRST WORKOUT OF YEAR

Special Train Bearing Cub Squad Pails in Southern Station This Morning After Long Run.

CITIZENS ENTERTAIN PLAYERS

Real Training is Scheduled to Begin Tomorrow—Thermometer Registers 70 in the Shade.

Tampa, Fla., March 7.—Those Cub tourists from the snow belt will have a fine day to start most anything today.

Although not exactly wrought up over the coming of the consolidated pennant winners, Tampa is considerably interested in President Weegman and his party. Most of the plans up to the present time have been along the gastronomic way. An official of the Rotary club went to Jacksonville yesterday morning for the approval of the menu with which the club expects to greet the travelers today noon.

Hotel officials and a citizens' committee have been busy shoeing regular boarders at the Tampa Bay Hotel out on the sidewalk the last few days in order to make room for the guests when they arrive. George McCannell and Phil Douglass blew in yesterday, the former from Anderson, S. C., and Phil from Cowan, Tenn. Ben Woertz, who expects to assist the Cub catching staff, has already planted his feet under the boards several times.

Ground in Shape.

We have it on the authority of Groundkeeper Murphy that the field will fit the weather, which at present is trying to boom this section of the state. He says that the field is in much better condition than the one at Shreveport, which was pronounced the best the team has ever played on in the south by Manager Tinker before the switch was made to Tampa.

EVERS TO TACKLE CHICAGO BATTLER

Eddie Will Mix Things With Joe Burger in 10 Rounds Before Iowa City Club Tomorrow Night.

Eddie Evers, local bantam scrapper, and his manager, George Dams, and 55 tri-city fight fans leave at noon tomorrow for Iowa City, where Eddie is to tackle Joe Burger, Chicago boy, in 10 rounds tomorrow night. The Evers-Burger affair is the windup and Buck Timothy of Davenport and Frankie White of Chicago will mix for eight rounds in the semi-windup. The bouts are to be staged before a private club.

Dams has groomed Evers carefully for the fight and hopes for victory. But judging from Burger's records Evers will have his hands full and will be forced to the limit to come out on the long end. Burger has to date 10 successive knockouts to his credit, his last victim being Red Kelly, a promising boxer of Burlington, Iowa. Burger has a strong kick in either mitt, but Dams holds that Evers' cleverness will be greatly to his advantage. Evers was carded to meet Burger on one occasion before, but the Chicago featherweight was taken ill and Stub Goodwin substituted. Burger will weigh in at 122 pounds and Evers will tip the scales at 116 pounds.

TOLEDO FRANCHISE AWARDED TO ROGER

Chicago, March 7.—Authority to transfer the Toledo franchise of the American association to Roger Bresnahan, deposed leader of the Cubs, was voted by the association late last night, in session at the Congress hotel. Bresnahan is said virtually to have completed formation of a company of Toledo citizens to put up the money necessary for a club. Bresnahan in his settlement with President Weegman of the Chicago Nationals.

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